

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

'Tis sweet to love,
But, oh, how bitter,
To love a girl
And have to quit 'er!
—Commercial-Appeal.

Sir Roger Casement's from death sentence will be heard July 17.

A recent jury in San Diego, Cal., was composed wholly of women.

David Sebree, of Henderson, has just passed the physical examination for admission to West Point.

State troops to the number of 50,000 are now in camps, and 24,000 have reached the border.

The automobile of Thos. Griffith ran into the Ohio river at Ghent and he and his wife were drowned Sunday.

Four more Villa bandits who took part in the Columbus raid, were hanged in the county jail at Deming, N. M., Friday.

Senator George G. Speer, of Frankfort, was appointed State Banking Commissioner Friday by Gov. Stanley, effective July 1, to succeed Thos. J. Smith, of Richmond, who has filled the office since its creation in 1912.

The House has passed a bill allowing not exceeding fifty dollars per month to the dependent families of National Guardsmen who have been called or drafted in the present emergency. It now goes to the Senate.

Edward Danforth, who recently went from Lexington to Atlanta to take a newspaper job, has had to give it up on account of trouble with his eyes. He is visiting his parents here while recuperating.

A French statement says that since the war began houses to the number of 16,669 have been entirely destroyed in France, including 331 churches and 56 historic buildings. In addition 29,594 have been partly destroyed.

The bronze tablet placed by the Lexington Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, to mark the site of Lexington's first block house was put in place on the building at the corner of Mill and Main streets Saturday morning. The unveiling will take place today.

By the appointment of Rodman Wiley to succeed R. C. Terrell, Governor Stanley has given Kentucky an excellent commissioner of roads. Wiley, a graduate civil engineer, has had valuable experience as chief bridge engineer for the last few years and has experience and ability in the line of work he will take up.—Owensboro Inquirer.

Emancipation Day has already knocked out two gatherings in Kentucky. The date of the State meeting of Elks at Paducah has been changed from Aug. 8 to Aug. 23 and the meeting of the Bethel Association at Allensville from Aug. 8 to Aug. 15. Travel is interfered with by special excursions and domestic service is usually paralyzed on August 8.

When Mrs. T. E. Garvey of Atchison, Kan., discovered six full grown rats in a barrel of chicken feed, she did not scream and run, but grabbed them by the neck, one by one, and choked them to death. There was a canvas covering the barrel and it had a small hole in the center. The rats were choked as they emerged from the hole in the canvas.

According to a ruling from the War department at Washington under the new "National Defense" law which was passed June 3, recruits under the age of eighteen can now be received for service, if they are able to pass the physical examination. The consent of the parents or guardians will, however, be necessary before recruits under eighteen can be accepted. Applicants between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one can, however, be received without the consent of their parents.

John Bull Wakes Up and Starts to Berlin

BOTH BRITISH AND FRENCH ARE JOINING IN A BIG OFFENSIVE ON A TWENTY-FIVE MILE FRONT IN SOMME.

TEN THOUSAND GERMAN PRISONERS TAKEN AND FIFTY SQUARE MILES OF TERRITORY WRESTED FROM KAISER'S SOLDIERS.

London, July 3.—Throughout the night the great British and French offensive which begun Saturday morning in the Somme and Ancre sectors continued with intensity and there was no diminution in the battle on Sunday. The British and French war offices report a steady advance at certain points, but speak also of the formidable German resistance.

Fricourt, an important town three miles east of Albert, has fallen to the British arms, while the French have taken Curlu which lies to the southeast. The fighting at the southern end of the British line where it is in contact with the French is of the fiercest nature, tremendous artillery actions preceding all the infantry attacks. The French have taken six thousand prisoners, according to the latest estimates while the British, though reporting the capture of 3,500 later declared that the estimates were too low. Owing to the nature of the battle, it is not doubted that the casualties are very high.

STILL HAMMER AT VERDUN.

Notwithstanding the terrific offensive against them in the Somme river region, the Germans have not ceased their efforts around Verdun. They have bombarded several of the Verdun sectors and have launched infantry attacks against the famous Thiaumont work which were repulsed the French war office announces. This strategic position has been recaptured by the French forces and is held by them.

SEVEN-FOOT CLOVER.

Ward Claggett yesterday showed the Kentuckian a sample of red clover raised on his farm near Julian, that measured 6 feet and 9 inches without the roots being pulled up. Mr. Claggett has 15 acres of this clover, which he says is the finest crop he ever saw grown anywhere.

Brick Streets.

Jackson, Tenn., has just let a contract for two miles of vitrified brick streets at \$2.05 a square yard.

In connection with the operations now going on, aerial activity was marked. Berlin reports eight British and three French machines were brought down within the German lines and four others were shot down.

TAKE 50 MILES OF TERRITORY.

The battle of the Somme, is now in full progress, marks the opening of the Franco-British offensive, long expected as a critical if not the decisive stage of the war.

Early reports today show that the entente allied forces are sweeping along a 25-mile front. The allied lines have enveloped within the last twenty-four hours nine villages and fifty square miles of French territory held until now by the Germans.

The great offensive was expected and eagerly awaited for the last ten days, but the exact point where the blow was to be delivered was carefully concealed. It was believed that it would be north of Arras, with Lille for the objective, but it was finally decided no strategic, rather than for sentimental grounds, to execute the move south of Arras at a point where the piercing of the line would operate more seriously in the dislocation of the German forces.

The German lines in some places have been penetrated to a depth of two miles and the prisoners taken by the French armies make many thousands. North of the Somme, where the French and British armies make contact various points of tactical value have been taken.

FISCAL COURT.

The Fiscal Court was in session yesterday, giving much of its attention to road matters.

Party at Auburn.

Miss Jennie Coke entertained with an informal party on Wednesday evening at her home near Auburn complimentary to her house guests Misses Sarah Cook, of Hopkinsville, and Lucy McCormack of this city.—Bowling Green Messenger.

PATRIOTIC OUTBURSTS

Will Feature the Fourth of July Celebration Tonight.

LOVELY VIRGINIA PARK

Blue and Gray Veterans Will Clasp Hands and Forget the Past.



Everything is in readiness for the celebration at the Park tonight. The program, largely informal, will consist of speeches, music and recitations.

Chas. F. Jarrett and C. A. Brasher, representing the Confederate and Union veterans respectively, will jointly preside.

The speakers will be those whose names have been announced and such others as may be called upon. No set addresses are planned, but a series of short talks and patriotic speeches, interspersed with music by half a dozen old fiddlers, who will play airs appropriate to the occasion. These musicians will be W. F. Randle, Robt. McCarroll, T. E. Bartley, Sam Fruit, S. E. Yancey, Harry Carroll, Bailey Waller, Meek Witte and others.

One interesting feature will be a recitation, "The Blue and the Gray," by that gifted reader, Miss Virginia Pursley.

The exercises will begin at the Park Pavilion at 8 o'clock p. m.

REJECT FOURTH OF KY. MILITIA

Fear'd Majority of Companies Will Be Reduced to Less Than Peace Strength.

Fort Thomas, Ky., July 3.—Rejection of the federal physical examinations of twenty-five per cent. of the state guard, something over one thousand men, is the prospect staring the general staff of the Kentucky militia in the face tonight.

This would reduce the majority of the companies on the guard to a figure lower than the minimum or peace strength. After two days of federal examination, it became apparent tonight that virtually every company in camp stands to lose heavily when submitted to the rigorous requirements of the federal government.

Today the regimental hospital corps of Louisville filed into the gymnasium with an enlistment standing nine men above the required peace strength, and a little later emerged with a strength one below minimum, having lost nine men and one officer, Captain T. M. Dorsey.

The Regimental hospital is the second unit to meet disaster at the hands of the federal examiners, the signal corps from Lexington, suffering a reduction of approximately twenty per cent.

Staff officers said tonight that with this situation confronting the guard, the matter of recruiting new and better men becomes the urgent business of the minute. There was no indication tonight of the standard requirements.

NEW SUPT. ON AUG. 1

Dr. Fred LaRue Will Become Head of the Western State Hospital Here.

DR. SIGHTS' FUTURE PLANS

Other Announced Changes Will be Made on the Same Date.

Dr. Fred LaRue, of Smithland, Ky., will on August 1st succeed Dr. H. P. Sights, who has for the last seven years been superintendent of the Western Kentucky Asylum for the Insane. Dr. LaRue was here last week and Dr. Sights expected to be relieved July 1 but the date for making the change was postponed. Dr. Sights is a Republican but so non-partisan in his work that he is immensely popular with people of all parties. He will return to his former home at Paducah, but is preparing to open a sanitarium at Dawson in the near future.

Dr. LaRue is a Democrat and is a leading and successful physician of the First district. He is unmarried and his mother will live with him at the Hospital.

At the same time other changes heretofore announced will be made.

Dr. Roy Robinson will retire as assistant physician and will be succeeded by Dr. W. W. Durham, of this county, and Sam Byers, of Todd will succeed W. J. Chiles as steward.

HOOKWORM RAVAGES SEEN.

The chief disability is that of weight. The federal requirement is a minimum of 120 pounds. Other prevalent causes of rejection are defective eyes, flat feet, deficient chest expansion and general physical weakness. Some of the companies are largely recruited with men from the eastern section of the state where hookworm is prevalent and these, according to the examining officers, are almost sure to lose heavily in the examination.

Rejection by the federal officers also eliminated the men from the state guard. They will be issued disability certificates and sent home.

All officers in camp are making arrangements for recruiting in the various cities. They are determined to be ready to go to the border at the earliest possible minute and the only way they can do it is to fill their units with men who fit in the eyes of Major J. W. Grissinger, of the United States army.

It was estimated by one of the examiners that one of the companies would emerge with no more than five men left, and that another company would lose as many as seventy-five percent.

Despite the fact that this was visitors' day at the fort, it was work, work for the officers, general, regimental and medical. The second and third regiments were inoculated for typhoid. Medical officers stated they had administered the vaccine to more than 1,400.

BUSY AT HOSPITAL.

The Jennie Stuart Hospital is now well filled with patients. Miss Ellen McClendon was operated on yesterday and Miss Favors, of Earlington, will undergo an operation this morning. Medical patients now are Dudley Ledford, a little son of J. Schwartz, Frank Johnson, son of J. C. Johnson; Miss Edna Bellamy. Mrs. Clint Drake and Sam Sacks were both operated upon Saturday.

Little Girl's Accident.

Rena Everett, aged 11, at Cumberland City, Tenn., got her right hand caught in a cider mill and one finger was cut clear off and the others mangled.

MARK TIME IN MEXICAN CASE

Not Known How Long President Will Await Policy Statement.

LATEST RAID IS PROBED

Little Probability Washington Will Consider Further Action Till Late in Week.

Washington, July 3.—Sunday brought no important developments here in the Mexican situation. The only official dispatch received during the day aside from routine reports was a message from Gen. Funston transmitting information reaching Gen. Bell at El Paso regarding the Mexican raid near Fort Hancock. It said that raiders took two horses Saturday night near Old Fort Early, Tex., and escaped into Mexico. An investigation was in progress and Gen. Bell said he would take any necessary steps. The order to American commanders to follow into Mexico any "hot trail" they find, remains unchanged.

Neither the state department nor the Mexican embassy had any word as to when Carranza's reply to the American demands, awaited by President Wilson with some impatience might be expected. There seemed little probability that the Washington government would consider further action until late in the week.

While the administration will take any necessary defensive step in event that Gen. Pershing's column was attacked no aggressive movement would be undertaken until President Wilson had advised congress of his purpose and definite authority had been granted.

Officials profess complete ignorance as to the time President Wilson is willing to wait for Gen. Carranza's reply, saying whether he desires the United States government to consider that he had assumed a deliberately hostile attitude toward the American troops in Mexico.

El Paso, Tex., July 3.—Another survivor of the Carrizal fight was located Sunday. He is Corporal F. K. Cooke, of troop K, Tenth cavalry, who was brought into Juarez Sunday afternoon from Villa Ahumada and placed in prison. He probably will be turned over to the American authorities.

FATAL FALL FROM BARN

Lee Mitchell, of this City. Accidentally Killed Saturday.

Lee Mitchell, aged 73, a well known carpenter of this city, was killed on the Alexander farm, near Gracey, in Trigg county, Saturday shortly before noon. He was building a barn and was working alone. At 10 o'clock he was seen at work, but about 11 o'clock when called to dinner he did not answer and when Mr. Alexander went to the barn he found him lying dead on the ground. No one witnessed the accident. His family home was at once notified by phone at the home on O'Neill avenue. Mr. Mitchell had been working at his trade in Trigg county for some time, but came home on Sundays.

He is survived by his wife and three children, two sons, Elias and John Mitchell, and Mrs. Jim Gresham. Mrs. Logan Gresham, all of this city. Three children by a former marriage live in Trigg county. The body was buried near Cadiz, Sunday.